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Pete, by copy I'm asking Beth to print out the attached for you in advance of your meeting tomorrow with the reps from the Passaic CAG. I've also included them in the text of this email, below.

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TALKING POINTS –

MEETING WITH DEBBIE MANS & ANNA BAPTISTA (PASSAIC RIVER CAG)

- Background about recent approach to the Upper 9 Miles:
 - Proposal from Cooperating Parties Group (CPG) is to implement an interim remedy for source control in the Upper 9 miles of the 17-mile stretch of the Passaic River.
 - *[In 2016 EPA selected bank-to-bank remediation for the lower 8.3 miles; that remedy is now being designed by Occidental.]*
 - This is not a final remedy. There will not be final cleanup goals for this remedy. Therefore, we will need to come back to select final cleanup goals for this site. As part of coming back to do that, we will be evaluating the river to see if any further work is needed.
 - The PRPs will NOT be released from liability for carrying out any such further needed work that may be identified when the final remedy is selected.
 - EPA will be briefing the CAG on the CPG proposal at the re-scheduled CAG meeting on Thursday, February 8 at 6 PM in Newark.
 - EPA's Contaminated Sediments Technical Advisory Group (CSTAG) meeting is scheduled for Feb 28 – March 1. CAG invited to present.

- What does it mean to be on the administrator's "Special Emphasis" list?
 - This is a short list of sites with important decision points coming up in the next few months.
 - For the 17-mile Passaic River, the decision point is whether or not to authorize the CPG to proceed to more fully develop the proposed interim remedy.
 - We've explained to the CAG that we have momentum on the river due to the work on the lower 8.3 miles, and we want to keep the momentum going on the upper 9.